

Mr. Garza has been a true leader and influential figure in our community. In 2017, his company Uni-Trade Group hosted the NAFTA Roundtable Discussion to discuss the significance of NAFTA, now the USMCA. This event brought together local private sector leaders, directors of public institutions, as well as Texas lawmakers like me and Senator JOHN CORNYN. He has also been a prominent member of the Catholic Church in Laredo, Texas.

Eduardo has been a friend throughout the years, and we have partnered on numerous occasions to better improve binational trade. Eduardo, I congratulate you for winning this award, and I wish you, your wife Juantia, your six children and seven grandchildren many more years of prosperity.

RECOGNIZING THE U.S. NAVAL
ACADEMY CLASS OF 1970

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the U.S. Naval Academy's Class of 1970 on the fiftieth reunion that it celebrated over the past year. It has been an honor to support the U.S. Naval Academy as the Representative from Maryland's Fifth Congressional District and to nominate outstanding candidates for admission each year from our communities. With the Academy located in our neighboring district, bright and talented students from Fifth District high schools have long been drawn to Annapolis for the next step in their education and service to country and community. The Naval Academy has a proud history of developing excellence in education and shaping the character of its past and present graduates, and it continues to train future leaders of the Navy and of our country. The Class of 1970 exemplifies the high-quality standards of the Academy and of the Navy, and I know that many of its alumni had been looking forward to celebrating its fiftieth reunion in 2020. Because of the pandemic, however, they could not gather in person last year; thankfully, they are planning to convene this Labor Day weekend.

The U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970 began its journey as midshipmen in 1966, during the height of the Vietnam War. They stepped up, knowing that after graduation many would be sent into combat as Navy and Marine Corps officers. That it was such a challenging time for our nation and for our military did not deter them; instead, it made them more determined to graduate with honor and serve with distinction.

From their graduation day onward, this class has set a very high standard, with impressive accomplishments and careers. Members of this class fought valiantly in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and other conflicts over the past half-century. They served in the air, on land, at sea, and beneath the sea. Members of this class have served at the very highest level of our military, including twenty-seven flag officers—one of whom was Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The class includes six who were appointed as deputy assistant secretaries or above in the federal government. Members have served their local communities as elected officials, and the class also boasts

chief executive officers for major corporations, many of which we are all very familiar—such as Pepsico, General Motors, and Amgen. The class also produced a Member of this House, former Rep. Ronald Machtley, and a Member of Congress in the Philippines who later served that country as its National Security Advisor. The Class of 1970 also produced five Academy Distinguished Graduates, tied for the most from any single graduating class.

The U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970 exemplifies the Navy ethos of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment." These values have defined its graduates' contributions to our country and their dedication to public service. Like many others before and who have followed, they sacrificed through long deployments, separation from loved ones, challenging trials, and tests that most Americans cannot fathom. Some even sacrificed their lives carrying out their missions. I know that new generations of midshipmen and future Navy and Marine Corps officers will be inspired by the rich heritage of service passed down to them by the Class of 1970.

As the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970 gathers to mark fifty-one years of service to our nation and to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, and Naval Academy, it is with great pride and pleasure that I offer my congratulations and my thanks for their contributions to the safety and well-being of our country. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing continued fair winds and following seas to the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970.

HONORING DUVAL COUNTY JUDGE
GILBERTO URESTI

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Duval County Judge, Gilberto Uresti, for his service to Duval County and South Texas.

Judge Uresti was born on March 12, 1935, in Kingsville, Texas, to Elijo Uresti and Maria Muñoz. He grew up in Benavides, Texas and graduated from Benavides High School as the Salutatorian in 1954. After high school, Judge Uresti obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin. Upon graduation, Judge Uresti moved back to Benavides and worked at DeLeon Pharmacy for over forty years, eventually becoming part owner. During this time Judge Uresti married Maria Olga Carrillo, his high school sweetheart, and had four children: Aaron Rene, Belinda Marie, Patricia Annette, and Gilbert Mario.

Judge Uresti was appointed to serve as the Duval County Judge on October 31, 1975, by the judge of the 197th District Court, Judge Darrell Hester. During his tenure as County Judge, Judge Uresti focused on tackling the rampant corruption in Duval County which had bankrupt the local government. His efforts to improve the county's stature and financial standing earned Uresti three terms as Duval County Judge, from October 31, 1975 to December 31, 1986, and from January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1994.

Judge Uresti gained recognition not only from his peers throughout South Texas, but

from the National Association of Counties. His dedication to his community and conviction to follow through on commitments made him one of the most influential figures in South Texas. During and following his appointment, Duval County saw the creation of community centers, new parks, nutritional services for the elderly, housing rehabilitation programs, and a Youth Conservation Corps. Under Judge Uresti's leadership, Duval County was eventually voted Top County in the Nation by the National Association of Counties.

In addition to his accomplishments as a County Judge, he also served as Chairman of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, a member of the Governor's Regional Review Committee, Chairman of the Community Action Council of South Texas, and a member of the National Association of Counties Board of Directors.

Madam Speaker, Judge Uresti is an incredible leader and unwavering commitment to South Texans who will be remembered for generations to come. He is a man of his word, intelligent and disciplined, who treated people with respect and took responsibility. I stand here today to thank Judge Uresti for his contributions to Duval County and all of South Texas.

BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE
ISRAEL-GAZA CEASEFIRE

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding the cease-fire brokered between Israel and Gaza earlier this year after 11 days of attacks against Israel. I include in the RECORD the following article, "Let This Be the Last Israel-Gaza Ceasefire" published by CNN on May 25, 2021, written by Ambassador Motaz Zahran.

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LET THIS BE THE LAST ISRAEL-GAZA
CEASEFIRE

(By Ambassador Motaz Zahran)

Egypt worked around the clock over the past two weeks to end the deadly fighting between our Palestinian and Israeli neighbors. Since the early hours of the conflict, Egyptian mediators led de-escalation talks with both Hamas and Israeli leadership. We supported humanitarian efforts on the ground, including by opening the Rafah border crossing for the provision of immediate medical care to the injured in Gaza. Ultimately, in close partnership with the United States and others, we were able to broker a ceasefire.

On Thursday, President Joe Biden called Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi reiterated the vital role mutual coordination between the US and Egypt can have in the region. Egypt will spare no resource in bringing about peace in there, whenever violence erupts. This was true during the 2014 war, when we were instrumental in forging a truce. It was true during the conflict this May. And it will be true at any point in the future.

However, we will also never accept the notion that this cycle of bloodshed is inevitable. That is why we refuse to let this issue recede in international priorities—as it has in the past—until the next crisis emerges and imposes.

Building a lasting solution must start now. Egypt is ready to do everything to help negotiate a lasting peace to the core conflict in